

CLERK: 29 ayes, no nays.

PRESIDENT: L.B. 384 is advanced. Brings up for general file debate L.B. 110, Senator Carsten's bill.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 110, introduced by Fred W. Carstens 30th district (read). There are committee amendments, Mr. President, by the Judiciary Committee.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Chair recognizes Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President and Members of the Committee. Senator Luedtke isn't here and unless some other member of the Judiciary Committee wants to take this up, I'll be glad to explain the amendment. If there is any objection to it, why we can object to it. This bill, L.B. 110, is the, is the bill that puts into operation a constitutional amendment adopted by the voters last election which changes the makeup of the Judicial Nominating Commission which is the, which are the commission, nominating commission, which are actually the commission which select candidates for vacancies created in a judiciary, in the district judges, supreme court judges and so on. At the time the bill was drafted I asked the Attorney General and one of the Justices of the Supreme Court and interested members of the public laymen, to join in and draft up a bill that would fulfill and meet the requirements of the constitutional amendments and in doing this, when we got to the hearing, there was some argument about whether or not the bill was drafted to satisfy all those concerned so amendments were drawn up so that the bill now is a composite of those, all members, the Attorney General was involved in this, Chauncey Barney of the Lincoln Bar was involved in this. The Bar Association Judiciary Committee, Legislative Committee, was involved in it, represented by Vance Lightinger (sp) of Columbus and Arlen Beam was involved in this and all these people got together and drafted the present amendments in order to try and get the best bill. We're interested in getting the best possible bill to create the Judicial Nominating Commission. Now, under the present law as we adopted it is the amendment adopted, the nominating commission now must consist of equal number of, from each political party, the lay members are from each political party and also the number of lay members has been increased. There are also provisions in this bill having to do with public access to the news media and the release of names which have been submitted for the vacancies which are created so that the public has some knowledge of this. These hearings are open and I can't think at the moment of any other, of any other items that are involved in this. I think basically and substantially those are the ones so I move the amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: While we're discussing the committee amendments to L.B. 110, Senator Snyder, do you wish to have input on--okay, Senator Syas, do you have something on the committee amendments?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, if I understood Senator Carstens correctly, and I hope I did, now on the roll call vote, they will be published by name, isn't that right?

SENATOR CARSTENS: Is there another amendment up there that I--

PRESIDENT: Yes. There is an amendment by, yours, but it does not indicate whether it's to the committee amendment or to the bill. There is an amendment from you.

SENATOR CARSTENS: It's mi--it's mine--well there is my amendment but it's not a committee amendments, it's my amendment.

PRESIDENT: But does it amend the committee amendment or the bill?

SENATOR CARSTENS: Well, I think so, I, it doesn't say?

PRESIDENT: No.